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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7849**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1551

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 19, 2007

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Political Expenditures.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Avery

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X GENERAL  
X DEDICATED  
FEDERAL

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** *Public Advocacy Organizations-* The bill provides that the activities of a person or organization to communicate by any means, or to pay others to communicate by any means, to inform the general public or urge the general public to take an action to influence any legislative action is lobbying.

*Lobbyist Activity Reports-* The bill requires such a person or organization to register as a lobbyist and report certain information.

*Political Contributions and Public Contracts-* The bill provides that persons making certain political contributions may not be considered responsible for one year after the date of the contribution for purposes of awarding contracts by a state agency or a political subdivision.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2007.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** *Public Advocacy Organizations-* The Commission would have additional registration filings to process, but the additional filings could be processed within the level of existing resources.

*Lobbyist Activity Reports-* The bill would require the Lobby Registration Commission to revise their lobbyist activity reports. Revision of these reports would likely be accomplished with minimal expenditure. Costs for revised forms would likely be minimal, as these reports are currently available electronically on the Commission's website for individual printing.

*Background on the Lobby Registration Commission-* The Indiana Lobby Registration Commission has been

appropriated \$218,395 for FY 2007 by the General Assembly. The Commission reverted \$2,380 in FY 2006.

**Explanation of State Revenues:** *Public Advocacy Organizations-* If additional filings occur, lobby registration fee revenue would increase. The current annual fee for filing is \$100 (\$50 if associated with a nonprofit organization). Fees are deposited into the state General Fund.

*Background:* During FY 2006, the Commission collected \$160,209 in fee revenue from registrants.

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Lobby Registration Commission.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:** State Budget Agency: *FY2006 General and Rainy Day Fund Summaries*; State of Indiana: *List of Appropriations July 1, 2005, to June 30, 2007*; <http://www.in.gov/ilrc/forms/index.html>.

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